

Aston, PA – On Sunday, July 8th Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-7), a former 3-Star Admiral, will attend a ceremony in Clifton Heights honoring Eagle Scout recipient Christopher Backer. At the event, Joe — a former Cub Scout— talked about the importance of service: — “Dr. Martin Luther King reminded us that everyone can be great, because anyone can serve,” noted Joe. “Christopher answered this call to service, and I am proud today to join his family and friends and members of this community in honoring him on his wonderful achievement.”

Greg Fisher, who is 18 years old, is a 2006 graduate of Upper Darby High School and is currently attending Delaware County Community College where he is an honor roll student. He joined Troop 111 in the spring of 2002. For his Eagle Scout Project, Edward redid the church kitchen at Trinity Church. To do so, he had to not only clean, including scrubbing grease off the walls and preparing surfaces for painting, but he also helped make structural improvements. He relocated an electrical line, put support beams on the ceiling, disconnected old lights, and assembled shelving for a wall.

“Service organizations such as the Boy Scouts produce so many of our future leaders like Christopher,” stated Joe at the ceremony. “These community efforts are ones that truly symbolize the principles our country values and are ones that I learned in the Navy: duty, honor, courage.”

According to the Boy Scouts of America, the fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than 1.7 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security

Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.